



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers, CLEP Coordinators

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor

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Subject: Updates to CLEP exams

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) through College Board has updated the B-level scores for five of their exams that are part of the Ohio statewide policy implemented in the 2017-2018 academic year. These updates impact our exams directly as they were endorsed based on the then B-level exam scores. Since these scores have changed we are notifying you of the change so you can update your records appropriately and implement the changes.

The change in B-level scores is usually caused by a new standard setting study, through CLEP, which are conducted periodically for every test to make sure the recommended credit-granting scores are aligned with college standards. For each study, a panel of about 20 college faculty who teach the equivalent course perform a detailed and rigorous review of exam content and recommend the raw scores (number of questions answered correctly) for the C and B levels. These raw cut scores are then converted to scaled scores through a scaling process. The scaled score for the C level is 50 for all exams, but the scaled score for the B level is different across exams. Therefore, after a new standard setting study, the C-level cut score stays 50 (even though the underlying raw score may change), but the B-level score often changes. The five courses that have changed B-level scores are listed below.

CLEP Exam	Former B-level Score	New B-level Score	Academic Year of Score Change
Introductory Business Law	60	57	2016-2017
English Literature	62	63	2017-2018

History of US I	56	61	2017-2018
College Mathematics	57	63	2017-2018
Chemistry	65	66	2017-2018

When each of these courses were originally endorsed through the statewide process, they were done so with the knowledge that the B-level score was current. Since the B-level scores are now updated we thought it appropriate to notify you of these changes and ask that you update your systems to accurately reflect the new B-level scores. These changes should be implemented as soon as possible.

These changes, as well as any future changes to B-level scores, are available for viewing on our CLEP website, <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/clep> under 'Updates.'

Should you have any questions about the statewide CLEP policy or these changes please contact Jared Shank at jshank@highered.ohio.gov.